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20 March 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 20 March 1968

DD/I, in a postscript to the news that Ramparts is in financial difficulty, provided information concerning the withdrawal of advertising from the magazine.

Godfrey reported that the city of Aden is under curfew and that there are indications of troop movements in and around the city. Noting that the crisis appears to originate in a split between NLF moderate and extremist factions, Godfrey advised that he will provide Situation Reports as events clarify themselves.

Godfrey advised that the Soviet naval forces in the northern Pacific have now expanded to seventeen ships.

Godfrey advised that reports from Saigon concerning the success of "Operation Resolve to Win" may be overdrawn, since enemy radio signals just north of Saigon are still emanating loudly and clearly.

Godfrey reported that labor strife in Antigua has deteriorated into rioting and that the U. S. Navy is laying on contingency plans for evacuating the some two thousand American tourists on the island.

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[] advised that the Laos SNIE will be on the USIB agenda Thursday, since NSA has some slight problems which will have to be resolved at the meeting.

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[] reported that Dr. [] of [] staff has requested a copy of NIE 14-3, and the Director asked Bross to query [] whether he needs the Estimate.

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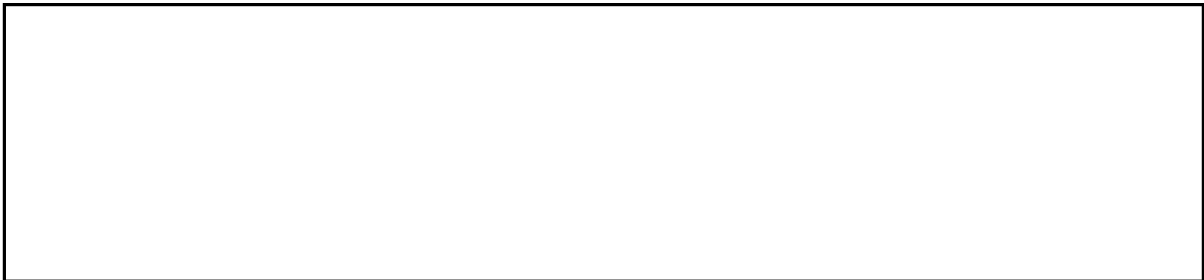
DD/S advised that preparations for the Allen Dulles plaque ceremony have been completed and invitations extended.

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Warner advised that Senator Russell has received another letter from a Pueblo crew member, and the Director noted that such letters are proliferating to various officials.

Warner advised that the subcommittee which Messrs. Bundy, Nitze, and Grant are preparing to brief is the Special Subcommittee for Review of Foreign Aid Programs of the House Foreign Affairs Committee.



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DD/P drew attention to a broadcast by All-India Radio quoting Japanese sources to the effect that there has been an explosion of an atomic reactor in China. The Director asked DD/P and DD/S&T to seek corroboration.



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The Director admonished that the pacification report, only six copies of which have been distributed outside the Agency, should receive no further external dissemination under any circumstances and that copies within the Agency should be very tightly held.

The Director asked the DD/I to ensure that a strategy session is convened at the appropriate juncture to determine the nature of the terrain to be covered by the Tet offensive post-mortem study.



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The Director reported that yesterday's 303 Committee meeting went well. He observed that the Committee principals are sufficiently knowledgeable and sophisticated that it will be well for CIA briefers appearing before the Committee to make presentations which do not underestimate the acumen of Committee members.

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